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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN RELATIONS

1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI, ON HIS INITIATIVE, CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS TO PRESENT HIM WITH THE TEXTS OF THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT ON BULGARIAN PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV'S PROPOSAL FOR A YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN AGREEMENT ON FRONTIERS; A TANJUG COMMENTARY ON YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN RELATIONS; AND THREE DRAFT DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE GOY TO THE GOB IN 1976. THE LATTER THREE DOCUMENTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC BY THE GOY IN RESPONSE TO THE ZHIVKOV PROPOSAL INCLUDE A JOINT DECLARATION, A YUGOSLAV FEC DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE BUL-
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GARIAN NATIONALITY IN YUGOSLAVIA, AND A SOLEMN DECLARATION ON RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THE INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS. BELOVSKI STATED THAT THE GOY IS MAKING THESE DOCUMENTS PUBLIC IN ORDER TO COUNTER THE IMPRESSION, CREATED BY ZHIVKOV'S SPEECH, THAT THE GOB HAS MADE PROPOSALS FOR A SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT WHICH HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN BY THE GOY.

2. BELOVSKI THEN TURNED TO THE BULGARIAN TREATMENT OF THE 11TH LCY CONGRESS. HE STATED THAT ALL VISITING DELEGATIONS AT THE CONGRESS HAD COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON ITS WORK, BULGARIA BEING THE ONLY EXCEPTION. THE LEADER OF THE BULGARIAN

DELEGATION LAUNCHED A SEVERE PUBLIC ATTACK ON THE WORK OF THE CONGRESS UPON HIS RETURN TO BULGARIA.

3. BELOVSKI EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THE GOB'S OWN INITIATIVE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF ZHIVKOV'S CLAIM THAT IN THIS MATTER (OF TERRITORIAL FRONTIERS) THE GOB HAS THE FULL UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT OF THE WHOLE WARSAW PACT.

4. LUERS ASKED IF THESE DOCUMENTS WERE BEING GIVEN TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS, AND BELOVSKI REPLIED THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY THE CASE. LUERS SAID WE WOULD NOT WANT TO TAKE A POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV, PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO BULGARIA ON LEAVE AND CONSULTATIONS, CALLED ON EUR/EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS JUNE 30 AND, IN VERY LOW-KEY FASHION, LEFT A COPY OF EXCERPTS OF PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV'S SPEECH IN BLAGOEVGRAD DEALING WITH BULGARIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER BALKAN COUNTRIES. HE SAID MERELY THAT WE SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMED OF THE EFFORT BEING MADE BY BULGARIA TO RESOLVE ITS DIFFERENCES WITH YUGOSLAVIA.

6. WE DO NOT PLAN TO POUCH DOCUMENTS SINCE WE BELIEVE EMBASSIES MAY ALREADY HAVE THEM. CHRISTOPHER

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